

Aunt Kathy

Aunt Kathy (Katherine *Glancy* Crotty) was the only sibling of my mother's mother. She figured prominently in my mother's Life, as shown elsewhere in this book under the biography *Mother* by my sister Penn. Aunt Kathy always wrote to me in green ink, which was fascinating to me, as I found myself continually surprised to witness that ink could exist in any color other than black or blue. She was married to Roger Crotty, who worked for the railroad – however, I never heard Roger referred to as “Uncle Roger”. Aunt Kathy herself lived well into the 1950s, as I continued to receive stamps and First Day Covers from her during my stamp collecting years in Houston.

They lived in Waltham, Mass. most of ‘my’ Life. They didn’t start there – as shown in the 1920 Federal Census, the couple had recently married and were renting from Grandmother Julia Glancy at 44 Eddy Street in Ware, Mass, in the adjoining duplex with (grandmother) Julia Glancy (age 61, at 46 Eddy Street) and her daughter Mary V. Farrant (39, older sister of Aunt Kathy) and young Dorothy (12) and Arthur (14). Roger (spelled “Rodger”) was listed as a Fireman for the B&M Railroad (the Boston & Maine, which flourished with the growth of the New England mill towns such as Ware in the late 19th and early 20th century). Aunt Kathy was born about 1885, and Roger Crotty was born on 15 Oct 1883 to James Crotty and Catherine “Kate” Murphy, and died 27 Oct 1940 at age 57 – thus Aunt Kathy lost her only sibling and her husband during that same traumatic year prior to my birth and the nation's entry into WW II. The parents of these four adults were all born in Ireland with “Irish” listed as their native tongue.

Kathy and Roger never had children of their own. It was Aunt Kathy who encouraged me in Stamp Collecting, and who I finally coerced out of her collection – which was pitiful at best. Aunt Kathy would send me First Day Covers, with her writing my address on the envelope as to delivery. The 1940 Federal Census shows them at 38 Washington Avenue in Waltham, and states they were residing there in 1935 as well.

Roger Crotty **in the 1940 United States Federal Census**

Name:	Roger Crotty
Age:	56
Estimated birth year:	abt 1884
Gender:	Male
Race:	White
Birthplace:	Massachusetts
Marital Status:	Married
Relation to Head of House:	Head
Home in 1940:	Waltham, Middlesex,

Massachusetts

Map of Home in 1940: [View Map](#)

Street: Washington Avenue

House Number: 48

Farm: No

Inferred Residence in 1935: Waltham, Middlesex,
Massachusetts

Residence in 1935: Same Place

Sheet Number: 2B

Number of Household in Order of Visitation: 35

House Owned or Rented: Rented

Value of Home or Monthly Rental if Rented: 30

Attended School or College: No

Highest Grade Completed: Elementary school, 8th
grade

Weeks Worked in 1939: 0

Income: 0

Income Other Sources: No

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Roger Crotty	56
	Kathryn Crotty	55

Source Citation

Year: 1940; Census Place: Waltham, Middlesex, Massachusetts; Roll: T627_1619; Page: 2B; Enumeration District: 9-564

Source Information

Ancestry.com. 1940 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012.

And here they are in the 1930 Federal Census, which shows they married at about age 35, and that Roger was a Steam Engineer on the Railroad. Here, Aunt Kathy was Katherine G. Crotty, and we see that both of Roger's parents were born in Ireland. At this time, they were lodgers at 55 Highland St. in Marlborough, Mass:

Roger Crotty **in the 1930 United States Federal Census**

Name: Roger Crotty

Birth Year: abt 1884

Gender: Male

Race: White

Birthplace: Massachusetts

Marital Status: Married

Relation to Head of House: Lodger
Home in 1930: Marlborough, Middlesex, Massachusetts
Map of Home: [View Map](#)
Street address: Highland St.
Ward of City: Six
House Number in Cities or Towns: 55
Dwelling Number: 274
Family Number: 358
Age at First Marriage: 35
Attended School: No
Able to Read and Write: Yes
Father's Birthplace: Ireland
Mother's Birthplace: Ireland
Able to Speak English: Yes
Occupation: Steam Engineer
Industry: Steam Railroad
Class of Worker: Wage or salary worker
Employment: Yes

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Mary J. Shaughnesey	68
	Katherine G. Crotty	45
	Roger Crotty	46

Source Citation

Year: 1930; Census Place: Marlborough, Middlesex, Massachusetts; Roll: 923; Page: 15B; Enumeration District: 0302; Image: 1090.0; FHL microfilm: 2340658

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